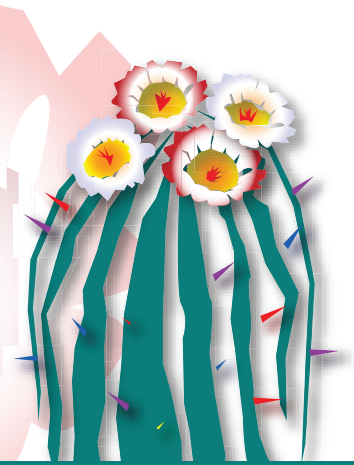




# Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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**Glendale Garden Festival.** Calling all green thumbs and those who want to learn about desert gardening and green living! The Glendale Garden Festival will be held May 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden surrounding the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The event is free and open to the public.

Join us for interactive garden art activities, go green information booths, entertaining presentations and activities for people of all ages. Adults can learn from the experts about tree care, low-water-use gardening, water harvesting and more. Children can participate in a variety of fun, hands-on activities in the garden and attend a puppet show and magic show about water in the desert.

The first 100 people at the event will receive a free plant and everyone will receive a special water conservation canvas bag. [Click here](#) for more information and a schedule of Garden Festival activities.



**Summer Reading Programs Return May 27.** Glendale Public Library is offering a reading program for every member of the family, from babes in arms to seniors. Beginning Tuesday, May 27, materials for the free programs can be picked up at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.; Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., and Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The reading-incentive programs end on July 26 for children and teens, and on July 27 for adults.

To find out the dates and times for all the free programs, pick up the summer reading and program schedules at any Glendale library. [Read more.](#)

**Summer Aquatic Programs.** Looking to make a splash this summer? Get your 2008 Splashbook for Glendale's summer aquatic program information, including swimming lessons, recreation swim, swim teams, dive teams, family events, and new this year: discover scuba, water polo, synchronized swimming, and Adventure H2O Day! The Splashbook is available at all three libraries and the Parks & Recreation office or [click here](#) to download the 2008 Splashbook now!

**67th Avenue Roadway Improvements.** Infrastructure improvements along 67th Avenue from Camelback to Glendale began March 31, 2008 and are scheduled to be complete in Jan. 2009.

The second section involves 67th Avenue from Olive Avenue to north of Thunderbird; this construction is scheduled to begin this month and should be complete by April 2009. [Read more.](#)



## *Around Town*

**Shred It and Forget It.** The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Arizona Attorney General's Office and the Target Corporation Saturday, April 19, for the city's first "Shred It and Forget It" event. Join us from 9 a.m. until noon at the Target Store located at 10404 N. 43rd Ave. This is a free event designed to promote public awareness about identity theft and fraud prevention. [Read more.](#)

You are invited to attend  
**The Glendale Advisory  
Boards & Commissions  
Recruitment Fair**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008  
6-8 p.m.  
Glendale Civic Center Annex  
Diamond Ball Room  
5750 W. Glenn Dr.  
Please bring a friend!  
Refreshments will be provided.  
For more information call  
(623) 930-2814.  
[Read more.](#)

**Jammin' at the Library.** The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 30 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. In fact, knowing how to play an instrument is not essential to having a good time at this free monthly gathering. Everyone is welcome! Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

**Star Watch Saturday.** Explore the universe from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at Thunderbird Park, 59th Avenue north of Deer Valley Road. [The Saguaro Astronomy Club](#) will have some amazing telescopes available for free public viewing and will be answering questions. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, flash light and walking shoes. Please park in designated areas only. For more information call (623) 930-4701.

**That Thursday Thing! The Cat's Pajamas.** Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers and put on your most comfy pajamas as Downtown Glendale celebrates with a Pajama Party on Thursday, May 15 from 5-8 p.m. The May event marks the final *That Thursday Thing* of the season, so don't miss out! For more information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500, come by in person to 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140, or [click here](#).

**Spark Award Nominations.** The Glendale Neighborhood Commission encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the community or improved our neighborhoods for a 2008 Neighborhood Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to May 15, 2008.

[Click here](#) for more information including a list of nomination categories and a downloadable nomination form.

**Toddler Water Day.** Grab those flip flops and beach towels, it's time to head to the 'beach!' Join us 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 16 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave., for a morning of fun water activities and crafts. There will be a variety of fun water games that will definitely leave your little one soaked, so bring them dressed to get wet, and with shoes. Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. The event is free, souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. And don't forget the sunscreen! For more information call (623) 930-2038.

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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